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Medical Officer of Health's Report

FOR THE

Urban Sanitary District

OF

Barton-Upon-Humber

FOR THE YEAR 1938

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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Barton-on-Humber.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1938.

General Statistics.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is:—

6,343 acres land and inland waters.
838 ,, tidal waters.

The population is 6,182.

There are 1,951 inhabited houses in the town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £24,014.

Vital Statistics.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS	30	48	78
Legitimate	27	46	
Illegitimate	3	2	

Birth Rate (excluding Still-births) 12.617 per 1,000

	Males.	Females.	Total.
STILL-BIRTHS, Legitimate ...	2	2	4

	Males.	Females.	Total.
DEATHS	32	47	79
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR			
Legitimate		2	2
Illegitimate		1	1

Death Rate (all ages) 13.264 per 1,000.

Vital Statistics (continued).

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Measles		1	1
Influenza	1	1	2
Respiratory tuberculosis ...		2	2
Other tuberculosis ...		2	2
Gen. paralysis of insane, etc.		1	1
Cancer	4	10	14
Diabetes	1		1
Cerebral hæmorrhage ...		4	4
Heart disease	9	8	17
Other circulatory	2	3	5
Bronchitis	1	3	4
Pneumonia	4	2	6
Other resp. dis.	1		1
Other liver dis.		1	1
Other digestive dis. ...		2	2
Nephritis		2	2
Other puerperal		1	1
Congenital causes, etc. ...		1	1
Senility	2	1	3
Suicide		1	1
Other violence	1		1
Other defined diseases ...	6	1	7

Notifiable Diseases.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me by medical men during the year:—

	M.	F.
Pulmonary tuberculosis ...	3	3
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	0	2

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (continued).

Puerperal fever	3
Paratyphoid	1
Diphtheria (excluding carriers)	2
Pneumonia	6
Whooping-cough	20
Varicella	87
Scarlet fever	3
Erysipelas	4
Infantile Palsy	1

Health Services, etc.

Two trained Nurses (also qualified in Midwifery) are provided by arrangement with the Lincolnshire Nursing Association for Midwifery and General District work in the area. This is in view of the adoption in the near future by the Lindsey C.C. of the 1936 Midwives Act. There are in addition two certified Midwives practising privately in the town.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, and a Tuberculosis Clinic, at its premises at No. 50 Holydyke.

A modern and comfortable maternity home has been built by the County Council at Scunthorpe.

A wheeled Ambulance is kept at Mr. L. Walker's in High Street; and Mr. A. H. Thompson has a closed motor van which can be converted into an ambulance at very short notice.

There is no hospital in the Urban District.

Accomodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Lindsey C.C. at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Small-pox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological aad bacteriological examinations are carried out by the County Medical Officer at Lincoln.

A Red Cross supply Depôt of Nursing Requisites is kept by Mrs. P. Birtwhistle at Priestgate.

The provision of a Public Swimming-Bath is still being considered by the Physical Training and Recreation Facilities Committee.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and about 69% of the houses in the town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

The Authority administering the Waterworks have augmentated their supply and storage capacity in view of the extension of the water carriage system and the erection of new houses.

Sanitary Administration.

The Council employs one full-time Surveyor, one full-time Sanitary Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

The water-carriage system for disposal of excreta is still being extended.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided, and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's report that most of the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal notices.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Dwelling-Houses.

Total number of new houses erected during the year ...	62
(1) By the Local Authority	32
(3) By other bodies or persons	30

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

1 Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 59

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 156

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 25

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 34

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 59

2 Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 59

3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year—

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936—

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 8

(3) Number of Dwelling-houses subject to undertakings 20

BAKEHOUSES.

Number in district: 7. Number of Inspections: 18.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Number on register: 9. Number of Inspections: 294.

Sanitary Inspector's Report (continued).

Cowsheds.

Number on register: 35. Number of Inspections: 57. Contraventions of regulations: 15. Contraventions remedied: 15.

Dairies and Milk Shops.

Number on Register: 44. Number of Inspections: 10. Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year: No.

Unsound Food.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	156	19	5	34	243
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	30	2			1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	19.23	10.53			0.41
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned	1				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	27	4			23
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	17.95	21.05			9.47

Offensive Trades.

Number of premises in district: 1. Number of Inspections: 4.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

Water Supply.

WELLS.

New sunk: 1.

Public Supply. Area supplied: Rural parts not supplied and odd houses and groups of houses throughout built-up area. Percentage of houses supplied: 69%.

Number of Samples obtained for analysis	4
(a) from wells	4

Drainage and Sewerage.

CLOSETS.

Number of houses with privy vaults in district: 121. Number of houses with pail closets in district: 920. Number of pail closets repaired: 55. Number of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles: 11. Number of houses with water-closets in district: 801. Number of water-closets repaired: 1.

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.: 5,138 feet. Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc.: 12. Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, etc.: 12.

DISINFECTION.

Rooms disinfected	12
(a) ordinary infectious disease	10

Six of which were after cancer and tenant charged 2/6 per room.

(b) tuberculosis	2

HOUSE REFUSE.

Number of houses using bins: 1815. Is refuse removed by householders or by pubilc scavenger? Public Scavenger. How frequently is refuse removed from each house? Weekly. Method of final disposal? Crude Tipping. Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory? Collection, Yes. Disposal, No.

Sanitary Inspector's Report (continued).

Nuisances.

Total number of Nuisances during the year—

(1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector 175

Details of Nuisances Abated.

	After Informal Intimation.
Smoke	1
Accumulation of refuse	1
Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water	2
Dampness	40
Yards re-paved or repaired	9
Other nuisances	122

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Sanitary Inspector.

Where buildings have been demolished under the Housing Acts, it would be a boon if the Ministry of Health had power to ensure that the sites were left tidy and clean, instead of ugly and unsightly as is so often the case now.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. P. H. BIRTWHISTLE,

Barton-on-Humber. Medical Officer of Health.